

Concerning Pacific Coast Examination in Ophthalmology.

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AMERICAN BOARD OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

Important Announcement

There will be only one written examination during 1941. This will be held in various cities throughout the country on March 8.

Candidates enrolled in the Preparatory Group who have been advised that they will be eligible for examination during 1941 should make application *at once* to take this written examination.

Application must be made on the regular blanks provided for the purpose and must be received in the Board office before December 1, 1940.

Oral Examinations, 1941: Cleveland, May or June. October (place to be announced later). (See P. S. below.)

Deadline for Case Reports: February 1.

An examination will also be held on the Pacific Coast during 1941, provided a sufficient number of candidates make application for this special examination. (File applications promptly.)

If you plan on taking your examination during 1941, please write at once to the Board office for formal application blanks, indicating your preference of examination place.

6830 Waterman Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

AMERICAN BOARD OF OPHTHALMOLOGY.

Concerning California Nursing Practice Act.

THE CALIFORNIA STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION, INC.

San Francisco, July 16, 1940.

To the Editor:—The California State Nurses' Association has had requests from various organizations and individuals who were helpful in securing the passing of the Nursing Practice Act for information as to the working out of this legislation.

For this reason a communication of information is being sent by the Association to those interested.

As this legislation was given support and endorsement by a number of county medical societies, as well as by many individual physicians in California, it is felt that this communication of information could best reach them through your valued publication.

You will therefore find a copy enclosed which it is hoped you may be able to print in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

609 Sutter Street.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) : HARRIOTT L. P. FRIEND, R. N.,
Director at Headquarters.

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Dear Friends:

You will be pleased to know that the Governor appointed a representative Board of Nurse Examiners. . . .

As soon as the bill was signed the Association began, through the district associations, to look up nonregistered nurses and assist them to become registered, in some cases organizing review classes, helping the nurses to obtain necessary forms, and lending books. As the State Association has forty-five district associations, it was possible to reach those nurses needing such help.

The Advisory Council which has been appointed had its first meeting on July 1, 1940. (Dr. Harry H. Wilson of Los Angeles and Dr. Charles A. Dukes of Oakland are the representatives thereon of the California Medical Association.)

It is our expectation that the Advisory Council will study the trends of nursing and advise ways and means of improving nursing in California. From what evidence we can gather, this law has been quite effective in preventing those who are not graduate nurses from practicing as such, now that the law protects the title "graduate nurse."

Persons may still care for the sick for hire without license, but may no longer impersonate a graduate nurse and deceive the patient employing, as well as overcharging for their services.

The law has not prevented qualified nurses from other states from coming into this state. From January 1 to June 21, 1940, the number of licenses to out-of-state nurses was 2,409, compared with a total of 1,781 for the whole year of 1939. There are also 32,153 registered nurses in the state who obtained registration in exchange of certificate between January 1 and June 21, 1940.

We have every reason to believe that the Nursing Practice Act is serving to protect the sick from exploitation in that it is now possible to ascertain whether or not the person employed is qualified by display of license. All possible publicity should be given to the fact that graduate nurses are required to be licensed as registered nurses and that license should be shown on demand of the patient, the physician, patient's friends, etc.

We believe that you may be assured that the Nursing Practice Act is a piece of legislation which is working to improve the public health of the state.

609 Sutter Street, San Francisco.

Cordially yours,

PAULINE W. GAGE, R. N.,
President, California State Nurses Association, Inc.

Concerning California Medical Association Cancer Exhibit at the Golden Gate International Exposition.

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GOLDEN GATE INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION

San Francisco, July 4, 1940.

My dear Doctor Kress:

I was through the Hall of Science today and stopped to look at the Cancer Exhibit.

I have learned that it was through you and others associated with you that this very fine exhibit was made possible for the Exposition. I want to extend to you the sincere appreciation of the Exposition as a whole, as well as my personal thanks, for the interest which your group has taken in presenting a most interesting and unusual exhibit. You and the others should feel highly complimented on such a splendid portrayal of a most difficult subject.

Sincerely,

MARSHALL DILL, *President.*

Concerning an Error in Directory of Board of Medical Examiners of the State of California.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF

PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL STANDARDS

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

San Francisco, California,

July 23, 1940.

Re: James C. Weld, M. D.

To the Editor:—Enclosed herewith please find a copy of a self-explanatory letter addressed to James Cushing Weld, M. D., and will greatly appreciate your publishing said letter in the next issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

With kindest personal regards, believe me

Very truly yours,

(Signed) : C. B. PINKHAM, M. D.,
Secretary-Treasurer.